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## **AMERICAS** Colombia: Russian Arms Airdrops to FARC Not Confirmed Analytic Perspective A press report last Wednesday about Russian airdrops to the FARC of arms procured in Jordan,[ has errors of fact and analysis. The Intelligence Community has received no reports that Russian-speaking organized criminals were involved in what appears to have been a deal between corrupt Peruvian military officers and unwitting Jordanian officials. The Community cannot confirm that large numbers of weapons were delivered to Colombia by clandestine airdrops Colombian National Police Chief General Serrano and his subordinates since 1998 have told the press that Russian criminal syndicates have cooperated more closely with Colombian drug traffickers and exchanged small arms for narcotics.

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Nevertheless, the Intelligence Communit Russians have been providing Colombian arms of recent Russian manufacture have	n guerrillas with weapons. No